



# SAINT RAPHAEL PRESCHOOL

Weekly Memo: November 9, 2016

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Dear Parents,

Fall is finally here! Cooler weather has arrived and leaves are beginning to change to beautiful autumn colors. At the Preschool this is a time for nature walks and outdoor science exploration. It also means we are gearing up for the holidays. The children have been practicing some favorite songs like “Ten Little Wampanoags” and “Mr. Turkey” in preparation for entertaining guests at the **Senior Luncheon next Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**. Our own Ms. Kim is the chairperson for this event, which is always a favorite for our parish senior citizens. There is still a need for people to volunteer their time to help decorate, set up, and clean up as well as a need for hot side dishes. Please help out if you can! We appreciate your kindness.

I am also happy to announce that we are currently planning our next community event! We had a wonderful time sharing food and fellowship at our Family Ice Cream Social in September. For our next event we will host a **Family Math and Science Night!** This event will take place during Catholic Schools Week on **Tuesday evening, January 31<sup>st</sup>**. Although still in the early planning stages, we are hoping to have child friendly math and science related activities in each classroom for families to participate in together. The Preschool Parent Science Committee will also have ideas for how you can incorporate science and math at home. We are excited to share with you the many hands-on, age appropriate, and very fun ways that we introduce our preschoolers to math and science. We'll let you know when exact times are set, but for now please mark your calendars for the evening of 1/31!



Many blessings,

Molly DeAngelo

## Senior Luncheon

Our annual luncheon for the Senior Citizens Club will be next Monday, Nov. 14. We still are in need of many food items! You can sign up to bring a dish or to volunteer your time by using the following link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040f45a4ab2bo-senior3>. Thanks in advance for all your help making this a wonderful event for our parish seniors!

## Free Classes for Prospective Preschool Students

We are offering two free parent and child classes for prospective students! These classes are open to children ages 18 months- 4 years who will be preschool age for the 2017-18 school year (age 2-5 by 8/31). Younger siblings of current Preschool students who plan to enroll here are welcome to attend! Please RSVP at least one day prior to the class by contact our marketing and enrollment coordinator, Sarah, by phone (919-865-5725) or e-mail ([srapp@saintraphael.org](mailto:srapp@saintraphael.org)). Please share this opportunity with your friends!

- Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>: Music with Ms. Susan, 10:15-10:45am
- Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup>: Creative Movement with Ms. Sadler (time of class depends on age of prospective students, as they will join in a 2, 3, or 4 year old class with current students)

### **Violin/Viola Lessons for Next Semester**

John Wright, Jr. of the Wright Studio is ready to schedule violin/viola lessons for next semester for children ages 3 and older. If you are interested in signing up for these parent and child classes, please contact him at 252-414-5620 or [suzukiviola@gmail.com](mailto:suzukiviola@gmail.com). You can find more program information on his website [www.RaleighWrightStudio.com](http://www.RaleighWrightStudio.com).

### **Holiday Gift Bags**

The Holiday Gift Bag Outreach, a community project in which our students provide Christmas bags filled with small toys and a clothing item (toddler-sized) to less fortunate children, is once again at the Preschool. There is a table in the hallway this week where bags are available. We ask that you please donate \$1 per bag to help defray the cost of this service project. Filled bags should be returned by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Advent Family Festival**

Join fellow Saint Raphael families in celebrating the wonderful season of Advent on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 9:30am until 12:00pm in Ignatius Hall. Each family will have the opportunity to make their own Advent wreath with fresh greens, enjoy holiday music, meet and take pictures with Saint Nicholas, make cards and rosaries to give to our seniors, as well as other crafts and activities. *Snacks and drinks, including coffee, will be provided.* There is a \$10 registration fee per family and space is limited, so register soon! **Please contact [adventfamilyfestival@gmail.com](mailto:adventfamilyfestival@gmail.com) to reserve your spot today.** *The option to purchase Advent candles or other little Christmas gifts will be provided by Birthchoice.*

### **Picture Retakes/Make Ups**

Picture retakes are this Friday morning, November 11<sup>th</sup>! Please contact the office if you are interested in a picture retake for your child. If your child is not normally in school on Fridays, Ms. BJ can schedule a time slot for you to come in with your child for the photo.

### **Upcoming SRCS Events**

A very special Nutcracker Story Time featuring City Ballet is coming up on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am in Ignatius Hall. If your child does not attend preschool on Tuesday, you are invited to come together for the story time performance. Admission is free.

*Rising Kindergarten Parents:* You and your rising kindergartner are invited to the next kindergarten sampler (art & music) on Thursday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

Please RSVP for these events by contacting Mary Morgan at [mmorgan@saintraphael.org](mailto:mmorgan@saintraphael.org) or 919-865-5754.

### **Easy Ways to Benefit Our Preschool**

The holidays will be here before we know it. All that special cooking and baking will mean more trips to the grocery store. Your normal purchases can benefit your children. Link your Harris Teeter VIC card to our school's number (3865) and the Preschool will receive a percentage of your purchases. Just register your VIC card at your local Harris Teeter or online at [www.HarrisTeeter.com](http://www.HarrisTeeter.com). If you shop at Kroger, our school can receive award points every time you shop. You can link your Kroger Plus Card by going to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and selecting St. Raphael Preschool (NPO #87151). Please, ask your relatives and friends to link their cards, too! Thanks for your support!

## Ignatius Fund Update

Thank you to all who have already contributed! Every donation to the Ignatius Fund is tax-deductible and goes to where the need is greatest. Please support the fund that supports your child! Learn more about the Ignatius Fund and donate on-line through our website: <http://straphaelpreschool.org/ignatius-fund/>



*Their future is created by what we do today.*

**Goal:** \$75,000 with 100% participation by SRCS and Preschool families and staff

**Raised to date:** \$16,695

### Important Upcoming Dates

Friday, 11/11: Picture Retakes; Preschool Prayer Partners weekly gathering

Monday, 11/14: Senior Luncheon

November 23-25: Preschool closed for the Thanksgiving holiday

November 30: Free music class for prospective students at 10:15am (please RSVP)

December 8: Preschool closed for a teacher work day

December 16: 4s and 5s Music Program at 11:30am in the church

December 20: Noon dismissal for ALL classes- no Extended Day

December 21-January 3: Preschool closed for Christmas break



**Preschool days are filled with learning, playing, and praying!**



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“No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks.” ~St. Ambrose